Funds for Kendriya Bhandar

2057. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar has sought additional funds of Rs. 1.50 crore Government to expand their network in the capital and other places in India ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard :

(c) whether majority of the branch Stores of the Bhandar are running in huge losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the details of steps taken to close down the uneconomical branch stores ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS *(SMT.* MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) In the year 1993-94, the Kendriya Bhandar has not sought additional funds of Rs. 1.50 crore from the Government.

(c) to (e) The Kendriya Bhandar is running 89 branch stores. As each store does not have a separate accounts branch, it is not possible to assess the profitability of each individual branch store. However, in 1992-93 the Kendriya Bhandar as a whole earned a profit of Rs. 195.02 lakhs. Since the overall operation of the Kendriya Bhandar does not show lossess, there is no proposal to close down any of the branch store.

Expenditure on Pensioners

2058. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many persons, as on date are receiving pensions from various Central government/Offlcers/Establishments, etc.; and

(b) what is the total expenditure being incurred thereon per annum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINI--STRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) According to the latest available information, the approximate number of Central Government pensioners (including Railways, Defence, Civilians) and Central Freedom Fighter pensioners is 33.12 lakhs.

(b) The actual expenditure on pension including ekpenditure on Freedom 'Fighters pension during the year 1992-93 was Rs. 4685.58 crores.

Combating of Corruption

2059. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA .
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI SUBRAMAIAN SWAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 19 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for which corruption is flourishing inspite of the claim that Government have been taking appropriate action including legislative measures to combat corruption at various levels;

(b) what follow-up measure were taken in pursuance of reports such inquiry Commissions, set up prior to '1983 in respect of various Chief Ministers;

(c) what were the major features of Lok Pal Bills introduced in 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985 and 1989; and

(d) whether Government propose to enact Lok Pal Bill during the cotrent Session of Parliament in view of flourishing corruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIO*NS* AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY